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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 9-16 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 17 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 - 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/17/2004.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Weon (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,138).

Claims 1, 5, Weon discloses:

- clock generation circuit generating a clock signal (col. 2, lines 51-52, produces a first transmission clock);
- jitter supply circuit allowing the clock signal generated by the clock generation circuit to include jitter (col. 2, line 66-col. 3, line 1, outputs data stream including jitter according to first transmission clock); and
- a data transmission circuit transmitting data in sync with the clock signal including the jitter (col. 2, line 64-col. 3, line 1, provides synchronous timing to output data stream including jitter according to first transmission clock).

Claims 2, 6, Weon further discloses the jitter supply circuit adjusts the amount of modulation and/or the frequency of the jitter included in the clock signal (jitter absorber 102 of fig. 1 reduces the frequency of the jitter).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 3, 4, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weon (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,138) as applied to claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 above, and further in view of Little et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,640,194).

Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, although Weon fails to disclose the jitter supply circuit supplies, as the jitter, at least any one of a sinusoidal jitter and a random jitter, however, Little discloses the addition of sinusoidal jitter (col. 4, line 26). Because sinusoidal jitter is a type of deterministic jitter and is therefore easier to predict and model it have advantageous modeling and determination properties. Therefore it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to incorporate the sinusoidal jitter as disclosed by Little into the invention of Weon.

Claim Objections

5. Claim 3 objected to because of the following informalities: the word *any* should be deleted in line 4. Appropriate correction is required.

Conclusion

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6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See Knapp et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0057542) in which the abstract discloses "The data pattern may be made up of a series of non-transitions which, regardless of any jitter in the data itself, does not impute any jitter onto a phase-locked loop triggered from an edge of the non-transitioning data pattern" which is related to the limitations of dependent claim 9.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 9-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erin M. File whose telephone number is 5712726040. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 1-9:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Payne can be reached on 5712723024. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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